

# EQUITY

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July 9, 2019

Public Records Custodian  
Office of Administrative Counsel  
Arizona Department of Health Services  
150 North 18th Avenue, Room 200  
Phoenix, AZ 85007  
[ACR@AZDHS.gov](mailto:ACR@AZDHS.gov)

Re: Public Records Request

Dear Custodian of Records:

Under the Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. Secs. 39-121 to 39-122, Equity Forward requests access to and copies of the following records:

Records Requested

1. All correspondence, as defined below, between the following Arizona state legislators and their staff and DHS officials:
  - a. Rep. Michelle Udall
  - b. Sen. Steven Smith
  - c. Sen. Nancy Barto
2. All correspondence from DHS officials which mention the following keywords:
  - a. "family health pilot program"
  - b. "alternative to abortion"
  - c. "fetus torture"
  - d. "fetal torture"

*"Correspondence" should include but not be limited to: emails, email attachments, text messages, telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any responsive communications, summaries of any responsive communications, or other materials reflecting communications sent to, from or carbon copying (CC) all relevant individuals.*

Fee Waiver Request

Equity Forward requests a waiver of fees because disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester. The disclosure of the information sought under this request will document and reveal the operations

of the government, including how public funds are spent and how officials conduct the public's business.

This request is for non-commercial purposes. As a project of a 501(c)(3) organization, Equity Forward does not have a commercial purpose, and the release of the information requested is not in Equity Forward's financial interest. Equity Forward will use the information gathered through this request to educate the public through reports, press releases, or other media. Accordingly, Equity Forward qualifies for a fee waiver.

#### Conclusion

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the law. Additionally, if any documents are withheld based on the Department's interpretation of any exemption, I request that you provide an index of all denied documents. Please also inform me if costs associated with this request will exceed \$200.

If possible, I would prefer to receive this information electronically via e-mail at [macarter@equityfwd.org](mailto:macarter@equityfwd.org). If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to call me at (678) 827-1731.

Please mail any responses to the following address:

Mary Alice Carter  
In The Care Of Equity Forward  
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New York, New York 10010

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Mary Alice Carter  
Senior Advisor, Equity Forward